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(f) the names of these schools with their localities, the names of subjects taught in these schools and the number of scholars in each school on 31st March 1926 and 31st March 1927; and

(g) whether the Government will be pleased to open one improved weaving school each in Adoni, Salem, Conjeeveram, Aruppukkottai, Madura and Bapatla, the biggest weaving centres in the Presidency?

A.—(a), (c) & (f) The information asked for is given in the Annual Administration Reports of the Industries Department.

(d) & (e) The information has been called for.

(g) The policy to be followed in the immediate future in regard to purely weaving schools is described in paragraph 77 of the Report of the Industries Department for 1926-27.

Mr. L. K. TULASIRAM :—“My question is whether Government propose to open improved weaving schools in six important centres. The answer is that the policy of the Government is in paragraph 77 of the report. My question is whether Government is going to open improved weaving schools?”

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“Not at present, Sir.”

Registration

Appointment of honorary sub-registrars.

* 868 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: With reference to the answer given to my supplementary questions on question No. 259 answered on 27th August 1927 regarding the appointment of honorary sub-registrars, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether out of the two applications referred to in the answer to clause (a) one has been accepted and whether that applicant has been appointed to an honorary post?

A.—No.

Veterinary

Memorial from the subordinates of the Veterinary department regarding the revision of their salaries.

* 869 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the subordinates of the Civil Veterinary department have submitted a memorial to the Government for revision of their salaries; and

(b) if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have received a communication from the Secretary, Madras Veterinary Assistant Surgeons' Service Association, setting forth the grievances of the subordinates and making certain requests. The petition is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—“May I know whether the Veterinary Adviser has recommended an increase of pay to these subordinates?”

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“I do not want to enter into that question. The whole thing is before the Government and it will not be conducive to enter into the details at the present stage.”

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Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know whether such veterinary subordinates are given a scale of Rs. 100 to 300 in the Punjab and Rs. 60 to 140 in Bombay ? "

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" It may be so."

Free quarters or house rent allowances for veterinary assistants.

* 870 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the privilege of free quarters or of allowance for house-rent in the absence of Government quarters has been taken away from the veterinary assistants in charge of the veterinary hospitals and dispensaries ; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to restore to them these privileges ?

A.—(a) Yes, on the recommendation of the Retrenchment Committee.

(b) No.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" In consideration of the fact that the veterinary subordinates here enjoy no private practice worth the name, may I request the hon. the Minister to consider whether the privilege of free quarters cannot be restored to these veterinary subordinates ? "

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" It is not only for a single department. If the claims of the department are considered the requirements of other departments should also be taken into consideration. The question is a general one, and, if at all, should be examined as a whole."

Stoppage of increments to subordinates of the Civil Veterinary department.

* 871 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether some of the subordinates in the Civil Veterinary department have been denied their increments even when they were recommended by their immediate superior officers, viz., the Circle officers, and whether in some cases these increments have been granted only after a period of five or six months after the due date ;

(b) if so, how many have been made to suffer in this way ;

(c) whether in any of these cases the increments were withheld on account of some minor faults for which separate punishments had already been given ; and

(d) whether it is the policy of the Government to punish the subordinates more than once for one and the same fault ?

A —(a) & (b) There were four cases in which increments, though recommended by the Circle officers, were stopped for unsatisfactory work. In these cases the recommendations of the Circle officers were inconsistent with their previous reports on the work of these men.

(c) No.

(d) No.